

Role	Local branch volunteer
Location	Bridgnorth / Clun & Bishop's Castle / Ellesmere / Ludlow / Market Drayton / Newport / Oswestry / Shrewsbury / Strettons / Whitchurch
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<p>About this role</p> <p>Our local branches are at the heart of what we do at Shropshire Wildlife Trust, working within communities across the county to fight for nature's recovery.</p> <p>Based in market towns, our branches help promote our message and our work, support practical conservation in their local area, and hold regular talks and events throughout the year to educate, inform and engage people with nature and wildlife in Shropshire.</p> <p>Some branches also take part in surveying and monitoring activities, run campaigns and fundraising, and partner with other organisations in their area.</p> <p>As a local branch volunteer, there are lots of different opportunities to support our work in your area, whatever your background, skills or knowledge. Roles vary by branch, but can include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Branch lead - manages the relationship with SWT staff and oversees branch matters - Finance lead - manages and reports on branch accounts as treasurer - Communications lead - keeps branch members updated and promotes branch events and activities - Events lead – organises indoor and outdoor events throughout the year, including things like talks, presentations and guided walks - Health & safety lead - helps ensure events and activities are carried out safely and effectively - Safeguarding lead - helps protect the welfare of people engaging with our branches - Volunteer lead - helps to attract and manage local volunteers - Membership lead - advocates for SWT membership. <p>Roles are flexible and varied, and each branch may have additional requirements based on their local landscape.</p> <p>You will work with a small team of branch lead volunteers in your area. Our branch leads generally meet once a month in their local area and commit to contributing a minimum of half a day a month.</p> <p>We ask local branch volunteers to commit for 12 months, ideally, to provide some continuity and stability.</p> <p>However, if you have less time to spare, or want to get involved in a more casual role, we'd still love to have you on board!</p>

<p>Perks and benefits</p> <p>Local branch volunteers will enjoy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A chance to be part of protecting and recovering nature in your local area - Opportunity to meet and socialise with like-minded people

- Access to briefings and updates on SWT projects and initiatives
- Training and support for each role, and opportunity to develop skills in lots of different areas
- Certifications and training in areas such as safeguarding, GDPR, first aid and fire safety
- Volunteer social events.

Skills you'll need

No prior experience is required for this role.

We are looking for people who:

- Have a passion for nature, wildlife and their local area
- Are reliable and committed.

We'll ask you to read and adhere to our safeguarding policy, health and safety policy, and our volunteer code of conduct. You'll receive a copy of these when you apply.

At Shropshire Wildlife Trust, we're committed to building a diverse and inclusive team where everyone is welcome. If you're worried you don't have quite the right skills, might not be able to participate in all activities, or need any support or adjustments to the role, have a chat with us and we'll do everything we can to help you volunteer.

Travel information

Our local branches are dotted around Shropshire in traditional market towns (Bridgnorth / Clun & Bishop's Castle / Ellesmere / Ludlow / Market Drayton / Newport / Oswestry / Shrewsbury / Strettons / Whitchurch). They usually meet locally.